

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 93-128, without prejudice, and please add the following new Claims 129-137 as provided in the following Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-128. (Canceled).

Claim 129. (New) A computer-implemented method for processing subscription information, comprising:

receiving a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription;

processing the information regarding the request with a processing device, wherein the processing device determines whether the subscription is active or not active or determines whether any issue or issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription; and

transmitting a message in response to the request, wherein the message contains an authorization or a denial of the request, and further wherein the message is transmitted to a point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or store.

Claim 130. (New) A computer-implemented method for processing subscription information, comprising:

inputting or entering information regarding a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription, wherein the subscription is an existing subscription, and further wherein the information is input or entered into a first processing device;

transmitting the information to a second processing device;

receiving a response to the request, wherein the response contains information for authorizing or denying the

request, and further wherein the response is transmitted from the second processing device; and

providing information contained in the response via the first processing device.

Claim 131. (New) A computer-implemented method for processing subscription information, comprising:

processing a request to create or initiate a subscription which allows for printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be pick-up or received at a retail facility or store, wherein the request is transmitted from a communication device or from a transaction device associated with a retail facility or store, wherein the request contains information regarding a specified number of printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be received over a specified time period, wherein the specified time period exceeds a normal subscription term associated with receiving all of the specified number of printed issues so as to allow for one or more of the printed issues to be skipped or foregone during the normal subscription term while ensuring that a subscriber is capable of receiving all of the specified

number of the printed issues, wherein the request is processed with a processing device;

creating or initiating the subscription in response to the request; and

transmitting a message to the communication device or to the transaction device associated with a retail facility or store, wherein the message contains information regarding the subscription which was created or initiated.

Claim 132. (New) A computer-implemented method for processing subscription information, comprising:

processing a request to create or initiate a subscription which allows for printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be pick-up or received at a retail facility or store, wherein the request is transmitted from a communication device or from a transaction device associated with a retail facility or store, wherein the request contains information regarding a specified number of printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, to be received over a specified time period, and a retail facility or store from

which the printed issues can be picked-up or received, wherein the request is processed with a processing device;

creating or initiating the subscription in response to the request; and

transmitting a message to the communication device or to the transaction device associated with a retail facility or store, wherein the message contains information regarding the subscription which was created or initiated.

Claim 133. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 132, wherein the specified time period exceeds a normal subscription term associated with receiving all of the specified number of printed issues so as to allow for one or more of the printed issues to be skipped or foregone during the normal subscription term while ensuring that a subscriber is capable of receiving all of the specified number of the printed issues.

Claim 134. (New) A computer-implemented method for processing subscription information, comprising:

receiving a request to receive or pick-up a ticket to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription;

processing the request with a processing device, wherein the processing device determines whether the subscription is active or not active or determines whether any ticket or any tickets remain to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription; and

transmitting a message in response to the request, wherein the message contains information regarding an authorization or a denial of the request, and further wherein the message is transmitted to a point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or store.

Claim 135. (New) A computer-implemented method for processing subscription information, comprising:

inputting or entering information regarding a request to receive or pick-up a ticket to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription, wherein the

subscription is an existing subscription, and further wherein the information is input or entered into a first processing device;

transmitting the information to a second processing device;

receiving a response to the request, wherein the response contains information for authorizing or denying the request, and further wherein the response is transmitted from the second processing device; and

providing information contained in the response via the first processing device.

Claim 136. (New) A computer-implemented method for processing subscription information, comprising:

processing information regarding a request to create or initiate a subscription which allows for a ticket or tickets to at least one of sporting events, entertainment events, and performances, to be pick-up or received at a retail facility or store, wherein the information is transmitted from a communication device or from a transaction

device associated with a retail facility or store, wherein the request contains information regarding a specified number of tickets to the at least one of sporting events, entertainment events, and performances, and a specified time period for picking-up or receiving the tickets, wherein the specified time period exceeds a normal subscription term associated with receiving all of the specified number of tickets so as to allow for one or more tickets to be skipped or foregone during the normal subscription term while ensuring that a subscriber is capable of receiving all of the specified number of tickets, wherein the first request is processed with a processing device;

creating or initiating the subscription in response to the request; and

transmitting a message to the communication device or to the transaction device associated with a retail facility or store, wherein the message contains information regarding the subscription which was created or initiated.

Claim 137. (New) A computer-implemented method for processing subscription information, comprising:

processing information regarding a request to create or initiate a subscription which allows for a ticket or tickets to at least one of sporting events, entertainment events, and performances, to be pick-up or received at a retail facility or store, wherein the information is transmitted from a communication device or from a transaction device associated with a retail facility or store, wherein the request contains information regarding a specified number of tickets to the at least one of sporting events, entertainment events, and performances, a specified time period for picking-up or receiving the tickets, and a retail facility or store from which the tickets can be picked-up or received, wherein the request is processed with a processing device;

creating or initiating the subscription in response to the request; and

transmitting a message to the communication device or to the transaction device associated with a retail facility or store, wherein the message contains information regarding the subscription which was created or initiated.